June 3, 2015

The Honorable Anthony Foxx  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590  

Dear Secretary Foxx:

The Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) is pleased to support the County of Kauai’s TIGER grant application to complete the Lihue Town Core Mobility and Revitalization Project. This project is strongly aligned with USDOT’s TIGER Selection Criteria, my Department’s commitment to sustainable transportation, and the County of Kauai’s local transportation plans.

Should TIGER grant funding be awarded, we will work with our County of Kauai partners to include this project on our Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and to provide STIP oversight. We have a longstanding relationship with the County of Kauai and the Federal Highway Administration on the successful delivery of STIP projects.

Members of my staff have met with the County of Kauai to review and provide comment on their application. We support the County’s intent to use design/build as the delivery method for this project. Both HDOT and the County have successfully implemented design/build projects on Kauai. Based on preliminary project understanding and comparison of past projects of a similar nature, we will support the County’s efforts to complete the project within the statutory requirements of the TIGER program.

We look forward to continuing to build on our track record of successful collaboration with the County of Kauai to provide transportation projects that safely and efficiently move people and goods, enhance multimodal access, and support economic revitalization.

Sincerely,

FORD N. FUCHIGAMI  
Director of Transportation
May 29, 2015

The Honorable Anthony Foxx, Secretary  
U. S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC  20590  

Dear Secretary Foxx,  

The Hawai‘i Department of Education (DOE) is pleased to support the County of Kaua‘i’s TIGER grant application to complete the Līhu‘e Town Core Mobility and Revitalization Project.  

DOE has been a strong partner with the County of Kaua‘i in developing a robust Safe Routes to School program. This project will advance safe routes to Wilcox Elementary School, including vital connections to neighborhoods with low and moderate income populations.  

The benefits of this project will extend beyond the Wilcox School community. DOE and other State offices are located within the project area. This project will provide opportunities for State employees to walk, bike or take transit to work and will also better connect these offices and the services we provide to our constituents. In addition, this project provides ladders of opportunity connecting people of diverse economic and cultural backgrounds to education, jobs and services which are critical to the DOE’s mission to prepare all students to become citizens who contribute to society throughout their lives.  

The education, economic revitalization, safety, health and environmental benefits of this project are all of value to the residents of Kaua‘i. For these reasons, I urge you to support this competitive grant application. Thank you for your consideration of this request.  

Sincerely,  

William N. Arakaki  
Kaua‘i Complex Area Superintendent  
Hawai‘i Department of Education
May 29, 2015

The Honorable Anthony Foxx  
Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx,

Get Fit Kaua’i (GFK) enthusiastically supports the County of Kaua’i’s TIGER grant application to complete the Līhu‘e Town Core Mobility and Revitalization Project. GFK is also pleased to continue its partnership with the County throughout implementation of the TIGER grant.

GFK has a long track record of supporting the County’s complete streets efforts. We assisted in drafting and securing approval for the County’s Complete Streets Resolution, the first in the State of Hawai‘i. We worked with the State Legislature and the Governor to secure State funding for Safe Routes to School. We have invested in technical assistance and capacity building, which has enabled the County to advance its complete streets planning, design and construction. It is gratifying for me professionally and personally to see the County apply for this TIGER grant, and to know they have the will and ability to get the job done.

This project touches on so many aspects of GFK’s work: health, equity, economic revitalization, safe routes to school, and multimodal, active transportation. Our Built Environment and Safe Routes to School Task Forces have been actively involved in the design process, and will continue to be a venue for community outreach through construction.

Thank you for the opportunity that TIGER provides to achieve our vision and transform our community.

Sincerely,

Bev Brody  
Get Fit Kauai  
Director
May 25, 2015

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx,

The Līhu'e Business Association (LBA) strongly supports the County of Kaua‘i’s TIGER grant application to complete the Līhu'e Town Core Mobility and Revitalization Project.

Līhu'e is aptly called the Heart of Kaua‘i. It is the county seat and home to the island’s airport, primary harbor, only institute of higher education, major hospital and commercial center. LBA is dedicated to creating a more prosperous and sustainable future for the Līhu'e District—economically, socially, culturally and environmentally. Our organization’s primary focus is on community planning; we like to say that the “business” in our name means we’re “making Līhu'e our business.”

In the past, LBA has partnered with the County in numerous planning efforts. The Līhu'e Town Core Mobility and Revitalization project implements years of planning to transform the town core from an automobile-centered environment into a thriving multi-modal, mixed use center. One that brings together a diverse community. That supports ladders of opportunity by providing access to jobs, education and services for our most vulnerable populations. That is a catalyst both for preservation of the precious places of our past and for economic revitalization to assure a prosperous tomorrow.

For all of these reasons LBA is pleased to continue its partnership with the County in implementing this project. We are committed to assisting the County with outreach not only to businesses but also to the entire community throughout the project duration.

We hope that you will look favorably on this outstanding project, and we thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Pat Griffin

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